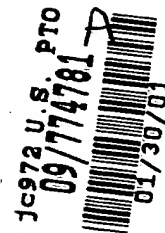


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PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

To the Commissioner for Patents:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Naoya Hasegawa, Kenji Honda and Yoshihiko Kakihara for Spin-Valve Thin-Film Magnetic Element and Method for Making the Same.

Enclosed are:

- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ 160 pages of application (including title page), 25 sheets of formal drawings and the following Appendices: n/a
- ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application
- ☒ Assignment transmittal letter and Assignment of the invention to: Alps Electric Co., Ltd.
- ☒ Submission of Certified Copy of Priority Document and certified copy of Japanese Application No. 2000-025659
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449, references A1-A3 (copies attached) and reference A4 (copy not attached)

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